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In re Application of:

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LEON LEVITT

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FOR HEALTHCARE
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Examiner: B. Egan

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 3, 2003 in the above-identified application.

A separate Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is included with this Amendment.